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For : **DECODING METHOD AND DECODING DEVICE
FOR A CDMA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM FOR
DEMODULATING A RECEIVED SIGNAL
AVAILABLE IN SERIAL CODE CONCATENATION**
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend without prejudice claims 1, 10 to 15 and 17, as follows:

1. (Amended) A decoding method for demodulating a received signal available in serial code concatenation in a code-division multiple access transmission system, a two-step coding being carried out at the transmitting end of the transmission system, the method comprising:

providing a soft-in/soft-out decoder in a receiver of the transmission system, a first decoder step of the soft-in/soft-out decoder including an inner decoder and a Hadamard orthogonal multi-step inner code, a second decoder step of the soft-in/soft-out

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